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REMARKS

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance. Newly added independent claim 37 corresponds to objected to claim 13 rewritten in independent form, including all limitations from claim 13 and all base claims. All rejected independent claims were amended in the interests of expediting prosecution, such amendments are believed to further distinguish the claimed invention from the references of record.

While the amendments are respectfully asserted to moot the rejections, the undersigned wishes to note that the previous rejections were believed to be insufficient properly reject the pending claims, however the rejections did indicate some claim limitations that could be improved, thus the undersigned took this opportunity to put the claims in better condition for allowance.

With respect to believed insufficiencies, these included the rejection's assertion of Jackson, Blevins, and Pickering as satisfying the claim limitation of proximate by noting that certain elements identified in the rejection were "relatively" near or close. The undersigned notes that proximate includes synonyms of close and near so the rejection was clearly insufficient in asserting that elements identified in the claims as proximate could be satisfied by elements in the cited reference as being relatively near or close. Further, the identified elements were not "proximate" as that term is understood from a fair reading of the specification. Further, regarding Jackson, the distal end of the shaft is not at point 3 but fairly should be said to elsewhere, perhaps point 6. Regarding Blevins, the coupler 18 is attached to wall 6 and not to shaft 34.

The undersigned has introduced a new term in the amended independent claims – namely "buted-hingedly" (in one case "buted-moveably"). This term includes the idea that the element does not have a handle or actuator arm extending past the hinge/moving element as is the case as the element "butts" into the hinge/moving element.

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In the event that the Examiner has an inquiry regarding this amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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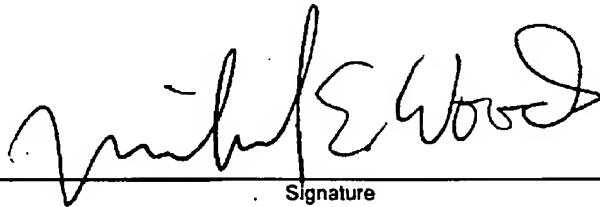
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